

July 25th, 2023

The Honorable Katie Hobbs
Governor of Arizona
1700 West Washington
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Governor Hobbs:

A.R.S. 36-2903.03 requires all applicants to provide documentation to verify immigration status in order to qualify for Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS) services and requires AHCCCS to report on its collection and verification of documentation submitted in accordance with this law. Accordingly, please find the following summary of the number of individuals for whom the administration verified immigration status using the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) program administered by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Health-e-Arizona Plus (HEAplus) is the web-based eligibility system for AHCCCS Medical Assistance. Seventy three percent of Medical Assistance applications are completed by HEAplus without any worker intervention. The remaining Medical Assistance applications require intervention by a state worker, of which AHCCCS completes approximately five percent of total applications, and the Department of Economic Security (DES) completes approximately twenty one percent of total applications. The number of individuals for whom immigration status was verified using the SAVE program can be found in the table below:

| SAVE DATA (2022-2023) | | | | | |
|------------------------------|----------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| AHCCCS 2022 | | DES 2022 | | HEAplus 2022 | |
| July | 0 | July | 99 | July | 919 |
| August | 1 | August | 117 | August | 978 |
| September | 0 | September | 71 | September | 829 |
| October | 0 | October | 122 | October | 88 |
| November | 1 | November | 196 | November | 646 |
| December | 1 | December | 132 | December | 669 |
| Total | 3 | Total | 737 | Total | 4129 |
| AHCCCS 2023 | | DES 2023 | | HEAplus 2023 | |
| January | 1 | January | 111 | January | 757 |
| February | 1 | February | 78 | February | 576 |
| March | 1 | March | 98 | March | 439 |
| April | 0 | April | 77 | April | 659 |
| May | 0 | May | 103 | May | 835 |
| June | 1 | June | 91 | June | 830 |
| Total | 4 | Total | 558 | Total | 4096 |
| YTD | 7 | YTD | 1295 | YTD | 8225 |

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Thirteen fraudulent cases were prosecuted during State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023.

A.R.S. 36-2903.03 also requires AHCCCS to report on the number of individuals, by citizenship status, referred for prosecution for violations of state or federal law. During SFY 2023, there were thirteen individuals referred for prosecution: eleven involved citizens and two involved non-citizens. These individuals were referred for Fraudulent Schemes and Artifices; Fraud Schemes and Practices; Forgery; and Theft.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like any additional information or have any questions regarding the data included in this report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carmen Heredia".

Carmen Heredia
Director

cc: The Honorable Ben Toma, Speaker, Arizona House of Representatives
The Honorable Warren Petersen, President, Arizona State Senate
Richard Stavneak, Director, Joint Legislative Budget Committee
Sarah Brown, Director, Governor's Office of Strategic Planning and Budgeting
Zaida Dedolph Piccoro, Health Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor